Sauxashtra region against its demana through Public Distribution System ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMAIUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) While the Central Government allocates palmolein to the States/UTs, further sub-allocation of the same whether district-wise|region-W!se is the responsibility of the respective State Government and UT Administration. As such, allocation of palmolein to Saurashtra region entirely rests with the Government of Gujarat. Central Government has already allocated palmolein to Gujarat State for October, 93 and December 93, Bhandar

MINIMUM WAGES FOR SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS OF SUPER BAZAR AND KENDRIYA BHANDAR

2287. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government have announced minimum wages for the skilled and unskilled workers of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar ;

(b) if so, the detals Is thereof ;

(c) whether the Management of Super Bazar and Kendnya Bhandar have opposed the rates of minimum wages ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the measures taiken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER *AFFAIRS* AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (bl Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have reported that the wags structure as notified from time to time by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is being followed by them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Dots no; arise.

DUTY BENEFIT TO THE CONSUMERS

2288. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers of consumers goods have failed to pass on the benefits of duty exemption to consumers ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study to see that which of the manufacturers have failed to do so and the details thereof ;

(c) the steps so far being taken to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the consumers ; and

(d) the names of companies against whom action has been taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AH-.MED) : (a) to (c) In a meeting taken by the Miinster, Civil Supplies, the Industries Representatives claimed that they have passed on excise benefit to the Consumers while Representative of consumers Organisations disputed that claim. As this Ministry does not have any mechanism to check the claim of the Industry, the BICP was requested to make a study on 10 commonly used consumer articles to see whether the duty . concessions announced by the Government have been passed on fo the consumers or not. The BICP has